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I do not support such light punishment of Microsoft. A slap on the wrist will serve no purpose at all-- it will probably just inflate MS' ego even more. After all, they screwed tons of people (including their consumers) and are getting away with it.

I work in the video game industry. You may be aware that this is an industry that Microsoft has recently entered with their new console system, the X-Box. Quite frankly, I feel that they will conquer the video game market with their new system. But it will not be because of the quality of their products, or because of brilliant business practices. It will be because they have twenty thousand times more money than anyone else, and because they will ruthlessly screw everyone else in the business. Is this a good, American way of doing things? Is this letting the best man win? No, its lying, cheating, and stealing to get your way. The trials provided substantial evidence of Microsoft's dirty business tactics. By allowing Microsoft to get away with a slap on the wrist, you are showing the world that we essentially approve of playing dirty to get ahead. Not only this, but you set the nation and the world up to be ruled by Microsoft for the rest of our lives. Bill Gates has said before that his dream is to own every electronic device in the world-- he wants everything digital to have his name on it. Are we going to give him this power?

I don't want to be forced into a position where I have only one platform to develop games for-- Microsoft's. I don't want to only have one choice of software to use to develop my games-- Microsoft's. I don't want my bloody toaster to have a microchip in it that is running a version of Microsoft Windows. Please stop this from happening, or at least do what you can. In America, being a bastard should not be admirable behavior.

Thank you,

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